

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

Case No. SACV 12-1026 JVS (ANx) Date July 13, 2012

Title Securewatch Corporation v. Indirect Partners, L.L.C.

Present: The Honorable James V. Selna

Karla J. Tunis

Not Present

Deputy Clerk

Court Reporter

Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs:

Attorneys Present for Defendants:

Not Present

Not Present

Proceedings: (In Chambers) **Order To Show Cause re Jurisdiction**

The Court has made a preliminary review of the jurisdictional allegations in the:

X Complaint, filed June 21, 2012

Notice of Removal ("Notice") filed

by Securewatch Corporation ("Securewatch").

The initial pleading invokes jurisdiction Court on the basis of diversity of citizenship, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a). (Complaint, ¶ 1.) Jurisdiction on this basis requires complete diversity.

The following party to the action is alleged to be a limited liability company ("LLC"):

Indirect Partners, L.L.C.

For purposes of diversity jurisdiction, an LLC takes on the citizenship of each of its members. Johnson v. Columbia Properties Anchorage, LP, 437 F.3d 894, 899 (9th Cir. 2006); Cosgrove v. Bartolotta, 150 F.3d 729, 731 (7th Cir. 1998); Keith v. Black Diamond Advisors, Inc., 48 F. Supp. 2d 326, 329-30 (S.D. N.Y. 1999). In order to determine diversity, the Court must consider the citizenship of each LLC member, and if a member is an LLC, the citizenship of its members. Presently, the Court cannot tell if jurisdiction has been properly invoked.

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Securewatch is ordered to file an amended initial pleading within 15 days identifying each member of each alleged LLC and the member's citizenship and principal place of business as the date of the filing of the initial pleading. If any member is itself an LLC, the same information shall be provided for each subtier member, and if need be, for each successive subtier.

A failure to respond may result in dismissal of the case for lack of jurisdiction.

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